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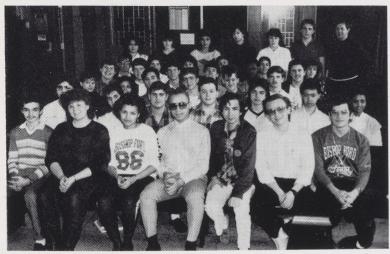
Ford's

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Ford Students Capture Forty Regents Scholarships



Regents Scholarship winners: Laura A. Allen, Steven Baldwin, Theodore Bayack, Kim Marie C. Carrano, Spencer H. Chan, John Comis, Mark D. Connolly, Brian J. Coughlan, Patricia M. Dooley, Vincent Facchino, Michelle A. Fontenelle, Alberto J. Gancitano, Tanya D. Garcia, Kurt S. Grach, Michael B. Haritos, John P. Hofman, Gina Maria Ignazio, Joseph A. Incorvaia, Vito F. Lodato, Robert Lui, Vladimir Magloire, Michael Marchetti, Maria Massucci, Michael McCaughan, Evan McNeeley, Michelle Mejia, Carol A. Neville (Nursing Regents Scholarship), Wilma C. Nicomedez, James L. O'Connor, Marco S. Papaleo, Gisella Pardo, James S. Phelan, Christian Razukas, Douglas M. Renna, Bethann Schebece, Santino A. Sciortino, Sheldon Speights, John P. Trindade, Barbara Trukawinski, Peter G. Tsilimparis, Joseph J. Vassallo, Cecily A. Williams (Nursing Regents Scholarship).

N.H.S. And N.B.H.S. Plan Full Calendar

by Josephine Diorio

The Bishop Ford Chapter of the National Honor Society has been very busy since the new year began. These are the key people who are responsible for most of the activities and fund-raisers at Ford.

The National Honor Society officials are John Comis (President), Randy Anderson (Vice President), Joe Vassallo (Treasurer), Wilma Nicomedez (Secretary) and Mr. Tom, Moderator. The N.H.S. is responsible for the blood drives held at Ford for Methodist Hospital. N.H.S. also assisted in the planning and preparation of the MDA dance-a-thon. Coming up soon is a schoolwide "Reunion Party"; it's a theme party, so come as if you're going to your high school class reunion on April 11, 2006. The money raised will be used to provide scholarships to Mid-Hudson Valley Summer Camp for mentally handicapped children. It should be a magnificent event.

The National Business Honor Society also has a full calendar planned for us. Its officers are Edith Lopez (President), Toni-Ann Valentino (Vice President) and Mr. Kiernan, Moderator. NBHS is in charge of the Thanksgiving food drive

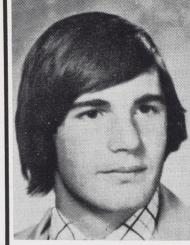
On March 11, the Type-a-thon will take place. It was developed to raise money for charities, but for now it's just geared toward advanced typing students to help them better

Both NHS and NBHS deserve a great deal of thanks for all their hard work and dedication.

Attend the N.H.S. "2006 Reunion Party"
in Ford's Cafeteria

on April 11

In Memoriam



Michael Routhier

We, the Editors and Staff of HIGHPOINT, dedicate this, the spring issue of our student newspaper, to the fond memory of Michael Routhier of the Class of 1977. Most recently Michael was a member of the maintenance crew here at Ford.

Dance-A-Thon Raises \$15,000

by Josephine Diorio

"Can't Stop Dancin'!" That was the motto and mood of the Falcons on January 17 and 18 when we raised a total of \$15,100 for MDA in the Sixth Annual Dance-A-Thon.

Thanks to all the workers, the cafeteria was transformed into a dancehall for this very special occasion. We started off at 7:00 pm with each dancer announcing his/her name into the microphone. As soon as all the dancers were on the floor, the music began to play and the dancers were covered with a rainbow of balloons.

There were about 180 pairs of dancing feet that came to the dance-a-thon; it wasn't the biggest crowd we ever had, but it sure was the liveliest.

The Falcons were visited by Z-100's own "Jack-the-Wak," who encouraged us to keep on dancing. Jack was happy to come to cheer us on because he felt Bishop Ford was gearing all their energy and hard work toward a great cause. Jack was given a Bishop Ford sweat shirt and was made an honorary member of the Bishop Ford family. In return Jack gave Brother Michel a Z-100 hat, which everyone felt went well with his high spirits. Jack continued to keep the Falcons attention by asking music trivia, and many Falcons won hats, T-shirts and records; also, many couldn't resist getting autographs and taking pictures with "Jack-the-Wak."

As soon as you thought the Falcons were going to drop, a song like "SHOUT!" came on and pumped them full of energy. The dancers went wild when Tara Zarcone and Danny Artz did a remarkable portrayal of the song "Paradise" by Meatloaf. They gave the dancers something to sing about.

Finally, when the music ended, all the balloons were popped and all the dancers pooped—the dance-a-thon was officially over. But the friendship and good times which developed during the 24 hours will surely be remembered, just like Ford's quest, helping the MDA foundation get one step closer

by Barbra Trukawinski

I asked some dancers what they thought of the dance-athon, and these were their replies:

"It shows the attitude of the Bishop Ford students. This is my third one, and hopefully I will make next year's."—Susan Trukawinski, Alumna.

"I think the dance-a-thon is a worthy cause. I enjoy dancing because it is a great way to have 24 hours of fun, especially when you have dance partners like Miss Sarnelle, Brother Damien, and Brother Justin." — Mrs. Cavanagh (Plunkett).

"I think the dance-a-thon is losing its popularity, and it is sad because it is something many people believe in. I always enjoy doing it every year and hope the outcome will be better next year."

—Josephine Diorio, Senior.

THANKS!

Thanks to the Ecology Club for helping to make Ford more beautiful.



Falcons dance the night away.

Bishop Ford presents its Fifth Annual Spring Exhibition Art Show on Saturday, April 26 between 6 and 10 p.m. in the main lobby. Exhibits will include photos, paintings, drawings, video art, performance art. There will also be food and music for your pleasure.

Yak, Yak, Yak

by Christian Razukas

What we have today at Bishop Ford is an abuse, an abuse of the public address system. It starts out with, "Will Reid Muller, senior, report to the General Office? Reid Muller, homeroom 409, to the General Office. Reid Muller," and usually ends in "Please excuse this interruption." Once, this is tolerable, but up to six of these interruptions have been noted in a single thirty minute class period. Other abuses of the PA include continual glorification of the athletic teams and constant "butchering" of the English language by Mr. Grella and the morning prayer people and Mr. Fernandez.

If a person is to be given access to a public communication system, said person should be able to communicate his points quickly and coherently. Otherwise the situation begins to decay rapidly. Instead of providing information to people (the real goal of a public address system), it becomes an annoyance. People cease to listen and the whole purpose is defeated.

A simple solution to the English problem is evident. Perhaps a course in diction would be in order for those who use the PA system frequently. Classes are offered that help one lose his accent and speak the language, not the local dialect. A conscious effort on the part of the administration to regulate their diction would seem a more viable alternative. In the case of the morning prayer people, special approval or special lessons from the English Department might solve the problem. I believe the educators here at Ford are trying to stress one unitary pronunciation of English; the PA provides the cliche "bad example" to the student body.

Constant repetition of the same announcement is another problem. One does not need to repeat a person's name three times in one announcement. This is not a late night Ginzu knife commercial, where the phone number is flashed repeatedly in neon light and verbally proclaimed six times. The present writer works in a hospital in which announcements are made once. A name will be repeated once—end of announcement. But at Ford, you can say, "Brevity is the soul of wit," and you will get nothing but blank stares, unless you repeat it three times, I guess.

How many times has Mr. Nash gotten on the PA to announce the exploits of the athletic department? The real question is, should athletic achievements be announced? Some may say that the athletes work hard and deserve credit. My response is, yes, they work hard and deserve credit, but I question the forum that is used. We are not here to accolade academics. This is an academic institution (look hard, it really is), yet no one uses the PA system to praise academics as highly. Little "air time" is given to people who have been accepted into colleges, or who have received scholarships, or who have achieved academic excellence. A student here at Ford, John Comis, performed CPR on a man who had collapsed at Methodist Hospital. He was one of the reasons the man lived until doctors could arrive. But how many of the student body are aware of that? What of the teachers, such as Mr. Nash and Mr. Dilgen, to name two, who performed CPR on John O'Brien, saving his life. These people are heroes; they have saved lives; that is something! Ask the man who survived his heart attack with John Comis' assistance. Is that announced? Is that played up? But we damn well know how well boys track did, don't we!

Getting back to the issue at hand, I have heard that the people who are accepted into colleges are acknowledged at a later date, when there are more of them. Unless you are willing to save all the athletics for one big announcement as well, do not do this to academics. Academics: does anyone remember that? It is the real reason we are gathered here. I feel that we should announce the names of people who deserve some sort of recognition for their academic work. This small group announcement scenario is well within the average student's attention span. This would allow a spotlight to shine on someone who has used this school properly, who did something constructive. Perhaps some sort of "equal time" arrangement could be made, so neither academics nor athletics are slighted.

The largest complaint I have, and I do not say this lightly nor without thought, is against an asinine, injudicious, and improper use of the PA. On the first day of midterm exams this year, during an examination, announcements were made. They were not major, nor earth shattering. Russian troops had not crossed the Polish border. It was just foolish. The administration had the audacity, the temerity, to plug tickets for a basketball game! During an examination! I assure you that we, the students, do not like, do not want, and shall not long tolerate such indiscretion.

When does it end? I resent this unchecked, unlimited license to interrupt school. I respectfully request that there be some sense of **noblesse oblige**, some realization that rank imposes regulations.

\$46,100. was raised in our chancebook drive this year. Thanks to all the freshmen, sophomores and juniors who worked so hard. Special thanks to the senior class who raised more than ever before.

Frosh Team Encouraging

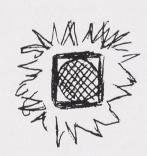
by Mike Fraser and Gino Pira

The freshmen team finished third in Brooklyn this year and will play Holy Cross in the city playoffs. The year was highlighted by a major upset of Cardinal Hayes, who finished first in the Bronx, and by a record-setting performance by Joe Licitra, who scored 40 points against La Salle.

The starting team has changed from game to game. The forward starters have been Licitra, George Leveque, Mike Repole and Ed Casey. Time at center has been split between Seamus McHugh and Brandon Cruz and most recently. Marty Rutter. The starter at the point is Mike Fraser, while the other guard spot has been planned by Nat Pitti, Mike Verdi and Timmy Moran, Very valuable contributions have also been made by Neil Austin, Dennis Sweeney and Danny Gerdes.

Licitra leads the team with a 20 point average, followed by Rutter, Leveque and Pitti. Fraser is leading the team by a large margin, in assist, while Cruz is the leader in blocked shots. The rebounding leaders are Rutter, Repole and Leveque.

The play of the frosh has been very encouraging. Ford's varsity will seek to defend their Brooklyn title in the years to come.





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One Person Does Not A Government Make

by Glen Butler

I am writing this article in defense of the student government. The last issue of **Highpoint** contained on article entitled "Student Government: Modern Relaxation" written by Renee Johnson. In her article, Ms. Johnson lashed out against all the officials, except for Jose Ortega and Richard McManus. Both of these officials are qualified and interested in school activities, but I feel Ms. Johnson made a grave mistake in excluding Lou Reyes and Phil Del Rocco, as well as other officials, from her list of qualified and attentive officials.

Lou Reyes, President of the Student Body, is not only active in school, but aware of the problems facing the world. It was Lou who asked for and received permission from the administration for a dressdown day to raise money for the victims of the mudslide in Colombia. I am proud to say that it raised over \$1,000. Mr. Reyes also participated in the clothes drive for the Colombian victims that filled the school bus with clothes. Mr. Reyes has not become lazy or taken advantage of his position while maintaining the same high academic standards he set for himself before he accepted the presidency.

Our vice-president, Phil Del Rocco, exemplifies what an official should be. Phil is a member of the National Honor Society, captain of the bowling team and a three-year member of the varsity baseball team. Besides being very athletic, Phil has pursued an interest in theater. Mr. Del Rocco had the male lead in the Chalk Circle Players' presentation of Rehearsal For Murder. Phil has also maintained admirable grades during his years at Bishop Ford. Lou and Phil are close friends and work diligently to improve and make our school a more enjoyable place.

Reading Ms. Johnson's article, I sensed a feeling of jealousy and spitefulness toward student government officials, largely because of her unsuccessful attempt to become a presidential advisor last year. I feel it was in poor taste to attack what she labeled an ineffective student government, seemingly because she lost the election.

One person does not make a government work; it takes a group of people who can take rejection and failure as easily as acceptance and victory. I feel that the officials of this year's student government have this and numerous other qualities vital to the success of any government.

He Is Risen

by John Trindade

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It is observed by wearing blessed ashes on the forehead. Lent is a forty-day fast of the Christian Church. During Lent, Christians abstain from meat. Christians make sacrifices during Lent to show their love of Christ.

The last week of Lent is known as Holy Week. Some of the days of Holy Week are:

Palm Sunday. This is the first day of Holy Week. When Christ entered Jerusalem, people celebrated by carrying palms to honor Christ. Attending church on this day, we receive palms blessed by the priest.

Holy Thursday. The Last Supper was the meal at which Jesus introduced the Holy Eucharist to the apostles.

Good Friday. This is the day on which the crucifixion is commemorated.

Holy Saturday. This is the day during which Christ's body rested in the tomb.

Easter. This is a holy day of obligation, the feast that celebrates the resurrection of Christ. Easter is observed by Christians. Easter has developed into a celebration of the arrival of spring. Nations celebrate Easter in different ways. It combines pagan and Christian traditions. In 325 A.D. the date was arrived at: the first Sunday after the full moon after March 21 is Easter. Easter is more than a week off, it is at the heart of Christianity.

Be Yourself

by Karen Ross

Peer pressure is pressure exerted upon an individual to conform by members of a group.

Some teenagers are negatively affected by peer pressure; they reluctantly conform to escape the jeers of their companions; they lose their identities by becoming "imitators." But there are those who influence their friends by encouraging them to make choices which will be beneficial to their lives.

Establishing a sense of individuality and becoming selfreliant is important in today's world, for you can easily become a "puppet on a string" by compromising your morals to please those in the majority.

Positive peer pressure encourages the person to take control of his life and to do that which he believes will make him a "better" person.

Too many teenagers allow themselves to be manipulated by others who are supposedly their friends.

Each person should know and pursue what he wants out of life, despite the disapproval of his colleagues.

Language Club Sponsors Mardi Gras

by Maria Summers and John Ferretti

On February 3, 1986, International Week at Bishop Ford began. An international touch was added to our everyday rituals and atmosphere at the school. Every morning before prayers, the speaker always greets everyone with a "good morning." During this week the greeting was expressed in different languages, such as French, Italian and Spanish.

Lunches were affected by international influence also. Instead of finding the specials that one could expect a high school cafeteria to offer, a variety of dishes was offered. Some different foods offered were the Mexican onefoot-long hot dog, Chinese Chow Mein, and Italian pizza.

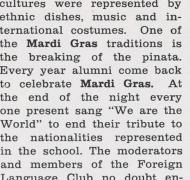
The window of the book room on the first floor was decorated by the Foreign Language Club. Dolls of different nations, various international currency, and posters filled the windows.

The grand finale of the week was the Mardi Gras. The members of the Foreign Language Club and the language department prepared an exciting evening. Foods representing various nations were offered. Some people chose to wear costumes and compete in the contest. First place for best costume went to Rossella Fasano, dressed as a Spanish woman. Second prize went to Rachella Fabian, dressed in a Filipino costume, and Michelle Fontenelle won thid prize as a Fench maid.

Everytime junior Alfonsina Vendra and her partner, Joseph DiLucca, sang a song for the crowd, the fun increased. Their warm voices brought everyone together, reinforcing the idea that everyone belongs to the world, because, "We are the World."

Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday, which is the feast before Ash Wednesday and Lent. It was started to increase understanding among the many cultures represented in the student body. The cultures were represented by ethnic dishes, music and international costumes. One of the Mardi Gras traditions is the breaking of the pinata. Every year alumni come back to celebrate Mardi Gras. At the end of the night every one present sang "We are the World" to end their tribute to the nationalities represented in the school. The moderators and members of the Foreign Language Club no doubt enjoyed planning this year's Mardi Gras and look forward to continued success in the

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Students are invited to submit new designs for the HIGHPOINT nameplate. The designer of the nameplate chosen to be used in future issues of our student newspaper will be awarded a first prize of \$25.

All entries must be drawn in black ink on thick white paper measuring six inches by two inches.

Designs must be submitted to Mr. McKay by Wednesday, April 23.

The Right Thing?

by Howard W. Grant

On October 16, 1985, the United States Congress overwhelmingly approved a military construction Navy base on Staten

The base, which will be the home port for the battleship Iowa, is being challenged in New York by a group that fears the ship will carry nuclear weapons.

The defense measure, approved 354 to 38, will allow the government \$9.2 billion for hundreds of construction projects around the country this year, compared to \$8.4 billion in the 1985 year. This allows for \$8.6 million to begin construction of the \$300 million Staten Island base.

The Iowa is one of four World War II battleships to be brought out of "mothballs" and overhauled.

Although the Navy won't say if nuclear weapons will be aboard the Iowa, the four ships are capable of handling nuclear tipped cruise missiles.

Many New York officials lobbied intensely for the base, arguing that it would bring about 900 jobs to the area and an additional \$20 million for 17,000 housing units. Also, it would increase New York's security by its presence.

New York was picked two years ago over Boston, Mass. and Newport, Rhode Island.

Some people still remain vehemently opposed to the homeport, saying, "We are putting nuclear silos in the middle of the nation's most populated area."

I ask you, "Are we doing the right thing?"

CASH PRIZES!!! for First and Second **Place Winners** in the LITERARY MAGAZINE CONTEST

Enter original essays, short stories or poems. There is no limit to the number of manuscripts you may submit. Submit all materials to Ms. Saidana in the English office.

Faculty Focus: Paul Anderson

by Barbra Trukawinski

Bishop Ford's business department has a very busy teacher. He is Paul Anderson. Mr. Anderson graduated from our very own Biship Ford in 1974, and then he went to St. Francis College to major in accounting with math as a minor. He has been teaching accounting at Ford for six years, and prior to Bishop Ford, he taught at Our Saviour Grammar School in Williams-

Besides teaching at Ford, Mr. Anderson has been Sophomore Activities Committee Coordinator for three years and has been running the intramurals program for five years. He thinks that intramurals is important "...because it allows a large number of students the opportunity to participate in various sports."

Outside Ford he currently is a youth minister in Our Lady of Angels parish in Brooklyn. He runs the sports program there, too. Mr. Anderson is also going to school for a master's degree in administration at Fordham University.

Mr. Anderson loves Stevie Nicks and enjoys horse racing and going to Atlantic City. His favorite sports are baseball, football, and hockey. His favorite sports teams are the New York Yankees, the Dallas Cowboys, and the New York Rangers. He ended our interview saying, "I hate the Is-



Mr. Paul Anderson at the controls.

Inquiring Reporter

by John Trindade

Who Is Your Favorite Singer or Musical Group? Why?

"Stevie Nicks. I'm in love with her voice, among other things." — Mr. Paul Anderson

"Bruce Springsteen. He gives great concerts and is very ener-- Jennifer Villar, 214

getic.' "Motley Crue, because I love them." - Martina Heitland, 306 "Billy Joel. He's dynamic and diversified."

- Richard McManus, 308

-Joe Terrizzi, 311 "Phil Collins. I really like his music." "Bruce, because of the rhythm he creates."

- Brian Coughlan, 403 "Pat Benatar, because she has an incredible vocal range and her music is some of the best around."

- Alberto Gancitano, 404 "Sheila E. She has the perfection and the precision of a true

- Indra N. Gandy, 404 performer." "Tears For Fears. They're unique, because they don't give you a headache when they sing." - Maria Gutierrez, 405

"Bruce Springsteen. I love his looks and lyrics." - Kathleen Kelly, 406

"U2, because they sing rebellious songs about the future." - Nelson Tung, 411

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Congratulations to Ford's

athletes for the following

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Varsity Baseball—Fall Co-

Girls' Volleyball-Brooklyn

Boys' Freshman Track-

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Girls' Varsity Basketball Finishes Successful Season

by Kathy Dolan

This year's girls' varsity basketball season was one of hard work, practice and success. The girls finished their season with six wins and eight losses in league play. This year's team was led by Captains Karen McGee and Jeanne Dopman. Other seniors included Colleen Donahue and Tara Zarcone. Juniors were Daniella Coleman, Heather Powen, Jackie Galetta, Amv Fapura, Angela Jones and Ann Marie Martorelli; sophomores Margaret Killen and Eileen Long; last but not least, freshman Tara McCool.

When I spoke with Miss Moffet, coach of varsity volleyball and basketball, she said, "Our team this year has far surpassed last year's record of 3-11. The girls have improved in both spirit and level of play. "Although there were injuries, the girls rose to each occasion and made it a very successful season. Jeannie Dopman, one of the captains of the team, was hurt during one of the games and was unable to play in most of the season's most crucial games. However, a great effort was made by Colleen Donahue and Karen McGee, both offensively and defensively, to make up for this loss. Sophomores Margaret Kullen and Eileen Long, and freshman Tara McCool were an essential part of Ford's accomplishments this season.

This year our girls were invited up to Syracuse to participate in the Bishop Ludden Holiday Tournament, in which they placed fourth.



Members of the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team pictured above (left to right): Karen McGee, Colleen Donahue, Jeanne Dopman, Tara Narcone.

The tournament was a fun opportunity to meet new people and take on schools from out of our area.

Heather Bowen commented,

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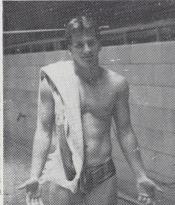
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"We all have a great time together as teaammates and as friends. We have shared the hardship of losing, as well as the excitement of winning. These things have contributed to making us a better team."

Each girl was an important part of the team. The girls made a lot of improvement in attitude and determination. It's no wonder they were at the playoffs on February 26 at St. Francis College. If you have some spare time, please come down and cheer on our girls.



Harry Gordon goes for a two-pointer.



Jim Fabricatore

CONGRATS!

Congratulations to Jim Fabricatore for placing first in the 100-yard butterfly in the City Championships.

Varsity Team Dubbed CARDIAC KIDS

by Heather Bowen

One of the hottest attractions at Bishop Ford High School this year is the boys' varsity basketball team. Coach Ray Nash's team consists of Captains Neil "Goose" Goldsbury and Ralph Amatrano, senior Al "Dog" Mills, juniors Mark Jabir, Tom McFee, Anthony "Scooby" Markel, Bobby Cooper, Brian "Spud" Leary, Harry "Glue" Gordon, Kevin "Beep-Beep" Isreal, Mike "Disco" Yannaco, and Vince Jackson. The managers are Gino Goyco, Peter Fonti, Domenick Bufano and Anthony Cacamo.

At the beginning of the season Coach Nash did not expect his team to go very far. But through hard work and determination the team has landed where they are now, number one in Brooklyn. They took most of their games at the buzzer, for which they became known as the "Cardiac Kids." The team also won the privilege of being Team of the Week on WAPP Radio. Two disc jockeys from the station came to Ford to present a trophy to Coach Nash and his team. The team ended their exciting season with thirteen wins and five loses. They clinched the title of Brooklyn Champs by beating Bishop Loughlin H.S. on February 7.

This was Mr. Nash's first Brooklyn Champs victory in twenty-two years, which makes him proud of his team. Still, the boys' varsity isn't willing to stop there. They are going to keep pushing to get whatever they deserve.

As they are at the end of the 1985-86 season, they will always remember the spirit of the fans and excitement of their victories as they say good-bye and good luck to their seniors Neil Gouldsbury, Al Mills, and Ralph Amatrano.

Swimming Team Sets New Records

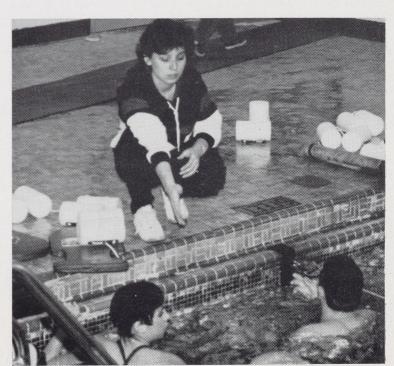
by Gaetano Castellano

Ever since the sport of swimming was introduced, it has become more and more popular. Swimmers all over the globe strive for all kinds of records, and since the sport was started in Olympic competitions, we have seen many young athletes setting many records in the pool. Today many American high school students have shown a lot of interest in swimming and are becoming more involved in participating in school teams. This year's Bishop Ford swimming team has shown such interest, ending up with a spectacular season.

This year's swimming team is the biggest team Bishop Ford has ever had, with forty-five members, both boys and girls. The team is divided into two groups, the freshmen team, of which the captains are Michael Sacoganamillo and Michelle Murphy, and the varsity team, of which the captains are Felipe Pantoja

and Nelson Tuna. Also, this year's team was the best ever; they finished with a record of 6-4, which gave them third place in their division, winning a plaque given to them by the CHSAA. At the City Championship, they won in their division and came in sixth place in the city out of 16 teams, the best Bishop Ford has ever done. Also at the championship, Jim Fabbricatore came in first in the entire city in the 100 yd fly; and Felipe Pantoja, Carl Johnson and John Macky all won awards. Also, this year's team set two new school records. One record was set in the 200 medly relay with the time of 1:48.6, and the second was set in the 400 yard freestyle relay, with the time of 3:38.2: on both occasions Jim Shashaty, Tom Sheshaty, Jim Fabbricatore and Greg Markle swam the relays.

The swimming team ended its season with new records and new hopes for next year.



Ms. Mayrose extends a hand.